

# THE LACLEDE BLADE

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THE straw hat season is ended and the chautauqua and chigger is on the last lap.

THE democratic party is just as much in favor of free trade as it was in Cleveland's time but it is afraid to use the term.

THE democrats down at Jefferson City used to pass around \$1000 bills as campaign collateral and the emolument of office but now a one dollar contribution is considered a dignified sum.

IF, as the democratic papers claimed before the election last Tuesday, Vermont is the index finder that indicates the result of presidential elections, then the republicans are going to win a sweeping victory this fall.

THE republican ticket is considered one of the strongest and best ever presented to the voters of this county. Nominated in unprecedented harmony and well distributed over the county a united party will rally to the support of the ticket.

IF the two national and state tickets were voted for strictly on the merits of the candidates and the cause they represent the republican ticket would get every republican vote and two-thirds of the democratic vote. There is just that great a difference between the two.

THE cost of the state election, such as the primary and the November election, is said to be \$250,000. This will make a bill of \$500,000 for state elections this year. Heretofore, the county primary cost was paid by the candidates, but this year the taxpayers meet the expenses.

ANOTHER campaign lie has been nailed down good and hard. The Marceline Mirror says the "immense farm" owned by Mr. Bryan consists of just 105 acres; his "\$50,000 mansion" cost \$14,000; and his "\$20,000 barn" cost \$2,000. Now that the real facts are known let the Linn county farmers roll in their dollars to help their poor agricultural brother into office.

THE BLADE is in receipt of a season ticket to the Bent county fair to be held at Las Animas, Colo., Sept. 23-25, compliments of W. W. Carothers, president of the fair association. If there is any place out of town where we could enjoy a few days it would be with the Laclede colony at Las Animas, and while we will not be able to attend their fair this season we appreciate the invitation just the same.

We are glad to give space in our local columns to the mention of any visitors, the absence of any citizen, his wife or his children, but at the same time would like to have the article written out and handed in, or mention made of it at the office. It is not snobbish to do this; it is in no wise improper. People are always much interested in knowing the absence of friends, and equally glad to know the presence of any visitor upon whom they may wish to call. Some very sensible people say that they do not want their names in the papers. This may be true as to a puff or bit of evident flattery; but it can hardly be true of a simple announcement of a visitor's name or the temporary absence of a lady or gentleman. So bring in the items, we are glad to get them. No visitor is more welcome to our sanctum than one who brings an item.

## Taft and Hadley

The republicans of Missouri feel that with Taft and Hadley as leaders they are in fine shape for contesting the state in the present campaign. Missouri is one of the states that will be vigorously fought for. Nationally its electoral vote of eighteen and congressional delegation of sixteen may not be necessary to the choice of the next administration, and to a republican majority in the next house, but it can never be prudent to let a single vote go by default. Missouri was republican by over 20,000 in 1904, and democratic by a few thousand in the off-year 1906. It ought to be republican next November on the national issues presented. With its varied industries, agricultural, manufacturing and mining, Missouri should be republican if protection alone were the policies at stake.

Mr. Hadley's unanimous nomination for governor opens a large vista of progress for the state. The succession of governors for thirty-six years has been democratic without a respite. This is the politics of Bourbonism, based on the ring manipulation, state board rule for cities gerrymanders and other gross unfairness. It can be safely predicted that Hadley will make one of the ablest, most energetic and most valuable governors in the country. He is a young man of great ability and promise. His election would please a large majority of the American people, for they know him as one of the most active and capable of the youthful politicians who have appeared in public affairs in recent years. Both Taft and Hadley represent the era of a Greater Missouri.—Globe Democrat.

## The Rights and Progress of the Negro

From Taft's Speech of Acceptance.

The republican platform refers to these amendments to the constitution that were passed by the republican party for the protection of the negro. The negro, in the forty years since he was freed from slavery, has made remarkable progress. He is becoming a more and more valuable member of the communities in which he lives. The education of the negro is being expanded and improved in every way. The best men of both races, at the north as well as at the south, ought to rejoice to see growing up among the southern people an influential element disposed to encourage the negro in his hard struggle for industrial independence and assured political status. The republican platform, adopted at Chicago, explicitly demands justice for all men, without regard to race or color, and just as explicitly declares for the enforcement, and without reservation, in letter and in spirit, of the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution. It is needless to say that I stand with my party squarely on that plank in the platform, and believe that equal justice to all men, and the fair and impartial enforcement of these amendments is in keeping with the real American spirit of fair play.

## Democrats Club and Shoot

U. S. Hall of Glasgow, formerly congressman from this district, a Wallace leader in the recent campaign, and John Morrison Fuller also of Glasgow, who opposed the judge, engaged in a shooting affray in front of the postoffice at Glasgow Friday. Hall struck Fuller on the head with a cane, knocking him down and inflicting a severe scalp wound.

Fuller got to his feet, drew a revolver and shot at Hall, who returned the fire, both shots going wild. It was the second encounter they have had recently.

She that doubteth is detestable.

## A Royal Good Time

At about nine o'clock last Thursday morning, Mr. E. R. Barton, of route two arrived in Laclede with a hay rack nicely padded with hay, and according to appointment was met by members of Golden Rod camp Royal Neighbors of America, and after much scrambling and with many laughs and jokes, we were seated in the midst of the sweet scented hay and on our way. Arriving at the pleasant home of Mr. Barton we found a goodly number of ladies busily engaged in tacking carpet rags. The circle was at once widened and we were invited to join them. Soon we were as busy as they with fingers and tongues. But soon we were interrupted by the sweet voice of Miss Anna, beautiful daughter of our host, calling us to the dining room where we found the table fairly groaning with good things of which we partook with zest, after which we resumed our work, meanwhile being delightful entertained with piano music by the nimble fingers of Mrs. Cora Rowland and Miss Vena Libby. But all gatherings, no matter how pleasant, must be broken up and so with many good byes, and after wrapping up a well filled plate for Neighbor Eunice Thompson, who is sick, we started home, hoping that we might soon be honored by another invitation to this pleasant home. Those present were Mesdames J. B. Patrick, Ellen Barton, Etta Foreman, Bernice Woods, J. E. Kent, Laura Aber, Allie Lomax, Lyde Rowland, Cora Rowland, Jessie Pennoyer, S. W. White, O. A. Potter, R. J. Patterson, Fred Hanson, Clara Smith, Geo. Kranz, Stella Harter, Chris Eyman, John Wade, Chas. Luyster, Sherman Luyster; Misses Minnie Cotter, Violet Weaver, Bessie Luyster, Effie Harter, Fannie White, Ruth Foreman, June Pennoyer and Masters Fay Luyster, Feances Patterson, Loren Potter and Floyd Pennoyer.

## ONE OF 'EM.

## Poultry Facts Wanted

Do you raise poultry? If so, what kind? How large a flock have you? What did your sales amount to last year? How many eggs did you gather during the year? How many during the past month? The poorest month? How do you house and feed your birds? Have you a good local market? Secretary Geo. B. Ellis, state board of agriculture, Columbia, Mo., will appreciate answers to these questions; also anything else concerning your experience with poultry. Mr. Ellis would also like to get some pleasing poultry pictures to be used in a pamphlet soon to be issued. We hope that many of our readers will write to him. Our county should be represented.

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All Pupils Should be Present the First Day to get an Even Start--Outlook for a Successful Term



The Laclede schools open next Monday, September 7. Every child of school age should be on hand at the opening, determined to do his best throughout the term. The school building has been thoroughly cleaned and put in perfect order and everything looks bright for an auspicious opening. There is room for a few more non-resident pupils and those living in the rural districts can do no better than to send their children to the Laclede high school where they can prepare themselves to enter college. The school has a good library and valuable books are being added every year. That the work being done here is thorough is shown in the dozen or more recent graduates of this school who are now successful teachers. The faculty this year is: Geo. Diemer, former principal of one of the ward schools at Brookfield, superintendent; Miss Jean Jardine, assistant in high school; Miss Cassie Heath, grammar department; Miss Rose Trippier, intermediate; Miss Daisy Rankin, second primary; Miss Nellie Barber, first primary.

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